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Re: Term Ahead

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I would like to thank you for your support in welcoming our new staff to our school community. Your kindness and smiles at the end of the school day are much appreciated and have helped them feel at home.

I am constantly inspired and proud of our children and the high quality work they have produced both in class and in their homework projects. Their writing books are a particular highlight for me, imaginative, so well structured and enjoyable to read. Examples of this wonderful work are currently displayed around the school and I hope you will have an opportunity to see them when you come to parents' evening or attend school for other events.

Last week the wider federation hosted an external education adviser and one of the many strengths she highlighted in our schools was the children's in-depth knowledge of history. It's great to hear this sort of praise because it confirms that pupils are becoming highly knowledgeable about history and have a good appreciation of how we find out about the past. One of the ways we will continue to build on this feedback is by exploring aspects of diversity and its historical roots and legacy. Children in Year 2 will look at the post-war arrival of West Indians, the Empire Windrush and the impact on Hackney. Children in Year 5 will use the National Windrush monument at Waterloo to design their own monuments to celebrate diversity, their own identity and to examine how monuments shape our understanding of the past.

Needless to say, there will be many exciting events as we approach the festive season. All these key events are listed on our school website and will be communicated in the headteacher's fortnightly bulletin.

Finally, please feel free to contact Lisa Langley- llangley@newwavefederation.co.uk, if you have any questions or you would like to arrange a meeting with me.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Reid".

Nicole Reid

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